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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Kirk et. al.  
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FOR : BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS USING GRADIENTS FORMED IN  
MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEMS  
GROUP ART UNIT : Unassigned  
EXAMINER : Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment.